

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD
IN THE GRAND HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 2ND. AND
3RD. AUGUST 1954, COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON THE
FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President) E.J. Kirk, J.W. Fraser, G.E. Gumbrell, J.R. Barber and the General Secretary-Treasurer (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

Also in attendance was Mr. J. McFadzien (Editor of "The N.Z. Beekeeper").

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 23rd. 24th. and 25th. September 1953 having previously been circulated to members, were briefly discussed.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber - "That the minutes of the last meeting be confirmed".

CORRESPONDENCE was then read and dealt with as follows :-

Preferential Voting :

To Mr. T.S. Winter dated 11-2-54 enclosing copy of letter from the Chief Electoral Officer, Department of the Interior, Canberra, setting out the rules governing an election under the preferential system of voting. From Mr. T.S. Winter in reply dated 22-2-54 advising his acceptance of the position of Returning Officer, provided that the Executive adopt the system as recommended by the General Secretary.

Public Risk Insurance :

From the New Zealand Insurance Co. Ltd., dated 15-7-54 enclosing a new Proposal to replace the existing Policy. The Secretary stated that the new Proposal which he had completed, provided for an extension of the existing cover of £250 for any one accident to £500 for any one accident without any increase in the rate of premium payable. Members expressed appreciation of the added advantage gained without additional cost.

Accident Cover for Executive Members :

From the New Zealand Insurance Co. Ltd., in reply dated 15-7-54, setting out in detail the several benefits available under a range of circumstances with individual premiums ranging from £1. 9. 6 p.a. to £2. 7. 1 p.a.

After a general discussion on the matter it was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Kirk - "That we ask for a quotation for a blanket cover of £1000 for death by accident only, with no other benefits." Carried.

Honey Marketing Authority Regulations and Election :

From the Minister of Agriculture dated 23-9-53.

To " " " " (2) " 29-9-53.

From " " " " " 19-10-53.

To " " " " " 30-10-53.

From " " " " " 11-11-53.

To " " " " " 12-11-53.

From Mr. Wallace Nelson, enclosing copy of letter to Mr. E.J. Fawcett 28-10-53

To " " " in reply 2-11-53

To The Minister of Agriculture dated 8-12-53.
 From " " " " " 9-12-53.
 From " " " " " 21-12-53.
 To " " " " " 22-12-53.
 To " " " " " 27-1-54.
 To " " " " " 2-6-54.
 From " " " " " 11-6-54.
 To " " " " " 25-6-54.
 From " " " " " 13-7-54.

Following the reading of the above correspondence, a considerable discussion took place regarding the voting method adopted by the Returning Officer in the election of the Producer members to the Authority. Members agreed that the instructions given to voters by the Returning Officer were very unsatisfactory and it was also agreed that as a direct result, many producers did not exercise their full voting strength.

As representations had already been made to the Minister regarding the position however, no further action was taken.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE was then read as follows :-

From the Director, Horticulture Division re Manuka Blight dated 25-11-53.
 " " " " " Poisonous Sprays " 25-11-53.
 " " " " " Conference Remits " 25-11-53.
 " " " " " " " " " 29-11-53.
 " The Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry re Inspection of Apiaries 6-4-54.
 " Director, Horticulture Division re Apiary Decentralisation " 12-1-54.
 " Southland Branch nominating Mr. J.W. Fraser to General Executive.
 " Canterbury Branch recommending Miss. M. Shepherd for Life Membership.
 (Decided to advise the Canterbury Branch that further information as to any "noteworthy service" to the Industry or the Association by Miss. Shepherd was required before the Executive could make a recommendation to Conference in line with the provision of rule 7).
 To Secretary, South Auckland Branch re financial members dated 22-6-54.
 From " " " " in reply " 29-6-54.
 From Secretary, Wellington Beekeepers' Association " 15-6-54.
 To " " " " " " " " " 7-7-54.
 From " " " " " in reply " 9-7-54.
 From Registrar of Incorporated Societies re Amendments to Act " 12-5-54.
 From S.J. Tweeddale to J. McFadzien re Journal Subscription " 22-6-54.
 From Director, Horticulture Division re letter from R.D. Bennie " 3-6-54.
 From Director of Price Control " 24-12-53.
 From " " " " " " " " " 9-4-54.
 From " " " " " " " " " 18-6-54.
 To " " " " " in reply " 1-7-54.
 From Alliance Bee-Supplies Co., re costs of equipment " 3-2-54.
 From Acting Manager, Marketing Division re Price Control " 17-3-54.
 From Manager, Honey Marketing Authority " " " " " 22-7-54.
 From Mr. T.A. Cropp, re Marketing " " " " " 27-5-54.
 From Southland Branch, dated 26-5-54 re 1956 Conference.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell - "That the Executive recommend to Conference that the 1956 Conference be held in Invercargill."

The time being 1.15 p.m. the meeting then adjourned for lunch.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m. when Mr. E.A. Field was also in attendance.

It was agreed that Mr. Field be granted leave of absence to attend to Marketing Authority business.

PRICE CONTROL :- A general discussion on matters relating to the request of the Honey Marketing Authority for the removal of Price Control was continued for some time, it finally being agreed that the subject be held over until the following day when the Honey Marketing Authority were due to meet the Executive.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET :-

The Annual Report as prepared by the General Secretary was then read and discussed, as also was the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet as at the 31st. May 1954.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser - "That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted."

A discussion also ensued in connection with matters dealing with the distribution of the Association's Journal. The Secretary reported that it now appeared that some non-member beekeepers who were debarred from obtaining copies of the Journal, were in fact receiving them per medium of such firms as Gordon & Gotch Ltd., who were paying for Journals to be posted to beekeepers in various parts of the Dominion. Both the Editor and himself felt that as Industry funds were now being made available to assist the Association in its work, the time had arrived to lift the restriction upon non-members and that subscriptions should now be accepted from non-members upon payment of the full Journal fee of 8/- p.a.

Mr. McFadzien said he felt that the widest possible circulation of the Journal among beekeepers could do nothing but good, as it would help to make known more widely the work which the Association was doing in the interest of all beekeepers, members and non-members alike. Further discussion was held over and the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 3rd. August, when Mr. E.A. Field was also present.

Proceedings opened with a further discussion on Price Control after the reading of a letter from the North Otago Branch dated the 17-7-54.

The question of applying for an increase in the price allowed on production costs was debated at some length, members agreeing that the only worth while increase which could materially affect the price being those relating to labour costs and the remuneration allowed to the producers themselves, with possibly an increase to allow for the greatly advanced cost of replacing motor vehicles.

In this regard Mr. Field mentioned that the Honey Marketing Authority had already decided to apply to the Price Tribunal for an increase in the price of retail packs to cover increased costs of packing.

The Secretary pointed out that the first step to be taken in any endeavour to secure an increase in production costs, was an approach to the Extension Division of the Department of Agriculture in relation to the Cost of Production schedule now in existence.

It was thereupon decided to make an endeavour to secure the attendance at the meeting of the Economist employed by the Department in drawing up the Costs Schedule, in order that the matter could be discussed as fully as possible.

SECRETARY'S REMUNERATION :-

While the Secretary was absent from the meeting in making arrangements for the attendance of the Departmental Officers, the question of increasing the Secretary's salary to bring it more into line with present day conditions was discussed.

In this regard it was resolved on the motion of Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. E.J. Kirk - "That the Secretary's remuneration be increased to £500 p.a. as from the 1st. June 1954."

The Secretary informed members that he had retired from his public practise for health reasons as from the 31st. July, and that he expected later in the year to take up his residence in Te Awamutu. He did not intend to take on any other work and would thus have no facilities for carrying on the Association's Business.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser - "That the Secretary be authorised to have a telephone connected to his new home and to have a Post Office Box made available in Te Awamutu, the charges to be borne by the Association."

JOURNAL MATTERS :- The discussion previously referred to was resumed at this point. Members were in agreement that the widest possible circulation should be given to the Journal. In a general discussion on costs of publication, the Secretary said that since funds were coming to the Association from the Seals Levy per medium of the Honey Marketing Authority, he had decided to discontinue the charge of £15 per issue against the Marketing Authority for space reserved for their use in the Journal. This would reduce the amount previously received for advertising etc., by £60 per annum and the amount would automatically be included in the sum required from the Seals Fund each year in future.

Mr. Field made reference to the fact that the Marketing Authority spent quite a lot of money each year in sending out circulars to beekeepers and suppliers, and he thought that it would be a great advantage to the Marketing Authority if the material now sent out by way of circulars was printed in the Journal and the Journal made available to all commercial beekeepers with 30 hives and over, free of cost, whether the beekeepers were Association members or not. Members expressed the opinion that the idea was an excellent one.

The Secretary agreed but pointed out that the economics of the proposition would have to be carefully assessed. The scheme would entail the printing of a much larger number of Journals and additional expense would be incurred in providing Journal envelopes, postages etc.,

Mr. Field said that he had not discussed the matter with the other members of the Authority, but he felt sure that the Authority would be quite prepared to pay a proportion of the extra costs involved, particularly as it would save them the expense and trouble of putting out their own circulars.

It was pointed out that the quarterly issue of the Journal may not be sufficient to cope with the time factor required in regard to the information which the Authority may wish to issue.

In reply to a question, the Secretary said there should be no difficulty over the Mailing List provided that the Authority supplied a list of names and addresses of all beekeepers with 30 hives and over.

Mr. McFadzien said that it would simplify the Mailing List procedure because under the existing conditions the Secretary had to amend the List for each issue as members' subscriptions came to hand. There would need to be two separate Mailing Lists - one to cover outside subscriptions from overseas, advertisers and exchanges, and one to include all beekeepers with 30 hives and over, together with Association members who owned less than 30 hives.

After further discussion it was decided to hold the matter over for further consideration at a later date, and that in the interim Mr. Field would discuss the question with the other members of the Marketing Authority and Mr. McFadzien would go into the question of overall costs with the Printer.

The luncheon adjournment was then taken, the time being 1 p.m.

COSTS OF PRODUCTION :-

Business was resumed at 2 p.m. when Messrs. Greig (Director of Horticulture) Winter (Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry) and McPherson (Extension Division) were present.

The President extended a welcome to the visitors and Mr. Greig explained that they had come primarily to pay a courtesy call and to explain some of the problems with which the Department was faced at the present time. He understood also that the Executive wished to discuss certain aspects of the Costs Survey with Mr. McPherson.

In response to a question, Mr. McPherson said that if a revision of the whole Costs Survey was required it would be a matter of months before the question could be dealt with as the Staff engaged on such work would be fully occupied for some time in regard to other surveys which were now in progress. If however a revision of costs of labour and on owner's remuneration only were involved, a revision on that basis could be carried out at short notice. A general discussion then ensued in

relation to the basis adopted by the Department in arriving at the present day figures. Mr. McPherson explained that on such items as labour costs, the Department kept their figures up-to-date in line with Arbitration Court Awards. Any revision of the whole costing schedule however would mean a complete re-survey of all costs involved and this was a fairly long and intricate business. He gave an assurance that if the question of a revision of labour costs only was required, he could supply the Price Control Division with the figures in a very short time.

The President thanked Mr. McPherson for coming along at such short notice and for the information he had given to members. Mr. McPherson then withdrew from the meeting.

APIARY REGULATIONS :- Mr. Greig then informed members as to the difficulties which had arisen regarding the depleted staff of Apiary Instructors. Mr. Greig was quite frank in explaining the circumstances which had led up to the present position and assured the meeting that all possible steps were being taken to remedy matters.

He also mentioned the necessity for having regulations gazetted giving the Department extraordinary powers to deal with certain matters in any emergency which may arise in the future which might seriously affect the beekeeping industry.

Mr. Winter in explaining the necessity for such regulations as outlined by Mr. Greig, mentioned the fact that Acarine Disease had recently been discovered in the Argentine. This was a very serious matter as with air travel it could easily spread to New Zealand. All were aware that Acarine Disease was by far the most devastating of bee diseases and its arrival in the Dominion could easily spell disaster for the beekeeping industry in this Country. The object of the proposed regulations was to give the Department full power to act immediately in any emergency of this nature. Obviously any delay in dealing effectively with an outbreak of Acarine Disease would mean that control would be lost. In order to obviate any such delay which would occur in securing the necessary authority by regulation after the disease was discovered, it was proposed to have appropriate regulations drafted, after securing all the necessary data from the United Kingdom where the problems of dealing with the disease were well known. The required regulations would probably provide for the immediate destruction of infected hives and also of all apparently clean hives within a radius of up to 5 miles from the infected hive or hives.

In such circumstances provision would be made for the payment of compensation for the hives destroyed as it was realised that only by such means could the disease be controlled.

The regulations would be designed to deal with any emergency which might arise, such as Acarine Disease, and the draft would be referred to the National Executive for their consideration at a later date and before they were actually gazetted.

**Resolution to operate on the Account of a Corporate Body
or Unincorporated Society or Club.**

**For Instructions as to completion
see back of Form.**

To the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

You are hereby notified that the following is a true copy of a Resolution recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of (a) The General Executive duly convened and held in accordance with the Rules or Articles of Association of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated.

on the Sixth day of August 1954

Resolved:—(1) "That (c) any one member of the Executive jointly
" with the General Secretary.

" be and are

" hereby appointed to operate the account of (b)

" The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated.

" (hereinafter termed "the Corporation") kept with the Bank of New Zealand at

" Foxton.

" (d) and that the Bank be requested to honour and
" charge to the said account all Cheques drawn and all Bills of Exchange or Promissory
" Notes accepted or made by them on behalf of the Corporation whether the balance
" of the said account be credit or debit.

(2) "That (c) The General Secretary.

"

" be empowered to endorse Cheques, Drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and
" other negotiable instruments on behalf of the Corporation.

(3) "That all previous resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said
" Account are hereby superseded.

(4) "That the authority granted by this Resolution shall subsist until superseded
" by a further Resolution of the (a) The General Executive."

The subjoined schedule sets out the names, official designations and specimen signatures of the persons authorised by the said Resolution to operate on the said Account. You will be notified in writing of the passing of any further resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account and of any Changes in the names or official designations of any of such persons.

Name in full (e)	Official (f) Designation	Specimen (g) Signature
<u>Edward Diamond Williams</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>E.D. Williams.</u>
<u>John William Frost</u>	<u>Vice-Pres.</u>	<u>J.W. Frost.</u>
<u>Thomas Edward Pearson</u>	<u>Executive Member</u>	<u>T.E. Pearson.</u>
<u>Harry Clarke</u>	<u>Executive member</u>	<u>Clarke</u>
<u>John Dally Evans</u>	<u>Executive member</u>	<u>Dally Evans</u>
<u>Peter James Kirk</u>	<u>Executive member</u>	<u>P. Kirk</u>
<u>Garnet Victor Fraser</u>	<u>General Secretary</u>	<u>G. Fraser.</u>

(Delete whichever attestation clause is not applicable.)

(h) The Common Seal of The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc.

was hereunto affixed this Sixth

day of August 1954 in the presence of

(i) Signed on behalf of and under the authority of

this day of 19 by



E.D. Williams

PRESIDENT.

J.W. Frost

VICE-PRESIDENT.

G. Fraser

GEN. SECRETARY.

The President assured Messrs. Greig and Winter that the Executive was in general agreement with the proposal and he thanked them for their foresight in seeing the necessity for having appropriate regulations in force to deal with any such emergency as they had indicated.

The various matters dealt with during the interview were discussed further, after the visitors had withdrawn from the meeting at 3.15 p.m.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser - "That the General Secretary be instructed to make application to the Director-General of Agriculture and the Director of Price Control for an increase in the price of honey in line with increased costs of production relating to labour costs and allowance for owner's remuneration."

It was also resolved on the motion of Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell - "That the Minister of Agriculture be advised that the Industry is concerned over the falling off in numbers of Apiary Instructors and request that the Government extend the limit of the salaries scale of these officers in order to retain their valuable services. Further that provision be made for the issue of protective clothing and/or an appropriate allowance for same as is provided to officers in other branches of the Department."

REMOVAL OF PRICE CONTROL :-

At 3.20 p.m. Mr. Field introduced Messrs. Nelson, Herron, Davidson and Chudley of the Honey Marketing Authority, who wished to discuss with the Executive the advisability of seeking the removal of Price Control from honey sales.

Mr. Nelson spoke at some length in urging the Executive to agree to abolition of all Price Control on honey. He said that the Marketing Authority had decided that such a course should be adopted and he gave various reasons which he considered showed conclusively that Price Control had outlived its usefulness.

The President informed the members of the deputation that the Executive had decided to apply to the Director of Price Control for an increase in the Price Order to cover increased production costs and that the Executive, having already discussed the matter felt that the present was not the right time to ask for the abolition of Price Control.

Mr. Herron said that while he agreed with the decision of the Marketing Authority in this matter, he believed that the Association should secure its increase on costs before Price Control was abolished. By so doing the public could not claim that immediately Price Control was removed the Beekeepers had raised their prices. After further discussion the deputation withdrew at 4 p.m.

Members then perused the Remits for Conference. These were discussed in general terms and the meeting terminated at 5 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE....28th October 1954.

CHAIRMAN. S. A. Williams.....

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD AT THE GRAND HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THURSDAY 28TH. & FRIDAY 29TH. OCTOBER 1954,
& COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President), E.J. Kirk, J.W. Fraser, J.D. Lorimer, H. Cloake, T.E. Pearson and the Acting Secretary (Mr. R.A. Fraser).

MINUTES of the meeting held on 2nd. and 3rd. August 1954 were read and confirmed.

APPRECIATION OF LATE SECRETARY'S SERVICES :- Before the commencement of the business of the meeting, members expressed their deep sympathy at the passing of Mr. G.V. Fraser. The late Mr. Fraser had been associated with the N.B.A. over some of the most difficult days of it's history and his warm appreciation of the problems of the Beekeepers and of the Beekeeping Industry in general added to his conscientious approach to the Secretarial duties, had assisted materially in bringing the Association to it's present day status. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Fraser, "that the Executive place on record it's sincere appreciation of the services of the late Mr. G.V. Fraser and expresses it's deepest sympathy at his sudden death." Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows :-

To Minister of Agriculture re amendments to Honey Marketing Authority Regulations conveying text of Conference decisions.

From the Minister of Agriculture advising that the Honey Marketing Authority had agreed to the amendments desired and that necessary action was being taken for the implementation of same.

To Minister of Agriculture re loss of apiary instructors from the service pointing out apparent anomalies in the various salary scales.

To the Director General, Department of Agriculture in the same regard.

From the Minister of Agriculture re same and advising the method employed by the Public Service Commission in fixing the salaries scales.

From the Director General of Agriculture re same and dealing more particularly with the loss of Messrs. Briscoe and Goddard from the Division, outlining the reasons behind their resignations and advising steps taken to fill the positions.

To the Director General of Agriculture requesting the Extension Division of his Department to prepare amended statistics on the Cost of Production of Honey for submission to the Director of Price Control with a view to securing an increase in the price of Honey.

From the Director General of Agriculture in reply submitting his Department's assessment of price increases resulting from increased labour and transport costs.

To the Director ~~XXXXXX~~ of Price Control advising that the Association intended applying for an increase in the price of Honey in line with the increased cost of production.

To Mr. J.W. Fraser re holding of 1956 Conference in Invercargill.

From Mr. T.S. Winter, Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry, Department of Agriculture re negotiations with Transport Department over heavy traffic fees.

To Chairman Honey Marketing Authority conveying text of 1954 Conference decisions.

From Federated Farmers of N.Z. a circular re heavy traffic fees.

From Federated Farmers re Manuka Blight.

From Manager, The Lodge Tourist Hotel, Hamner Springs, inviting the Association to hold one of it's Conferences at Hamner.

RE LOSS OF APIARIES INSTRUCTORS :- Members discussed the replies from the Minister and the Director General of Agriculture in regard to the loss of apiary instructors. Some divergence of opinion was expressed at the adequacy of the salary scale for apiary instructors, Mr. Cloake being of the opinion that the £800 p.a. advertised for the Hamilton vacancy indicated quite a fair scale. It was decided that the Association had taken the matter as far as possible in drawing the matter to the attention of the Minister and of the Director of Agriculture and that it was now over to individual apiary instructors to take up the question of salary scales if there was any dissatisfaction.

With regard to the application for a Price Increase, it was moved by Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cloake, "that the Secretary write to the Director General of Agriculture thanking him for the promptness of his Department in attending the Executive's request for amending the cost of production schedules for submission to the Price Control Division." Carried.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS :- Following a request made at the last meeting of the Executive, the Acting Secretary submitted a quotation from the New Zealand Insurance Co. Ltd. for a Personal Accident Insurance providing compensation of £1000 for death by accident only, on Executive members, at an annual premium of 10/- per member. The Company advised that the cover would attach from the time of proceeding on the Beekeepers' Association business and would continue whilst thereon and until the return to the place of normal residence of the member. It was moved by Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cloake, "that the Executive avail itself of the cover offered by the New Zealand Insurance Co. and that the Acting Secretary be authorised to complete the necessary proposal to cover himself, the six members of the Executive and the Editor." Carried.

RE JOURNAL DISTRIBUTION :- Further to the Executive's previous consideration of the proposal to circulate the Journal free of cost to all Beekeepers having 30 hives or more, the Acting Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. McFadzien setting out the estimated cost of such an enlarged circulation. Approximately 1200 copies would be required for each issue and the Editor proposed using a 40 lb. paper similar to that used for the Journal prior to 1952. This paper was of vastly better quality than the newsprint at present being used and was also suitable for illustrations and photographs. As newsprint had recently increased in price the additional cost of the better quality 40 lb. paper would be very little. The Publishers quotation for four issues a year at 1200 copies per issue was £360, adding the Editor's honorarium and expenses of £100 this made a gross cost for the Journal per year of £460 and by deducting the revenue expected

from advertising (excluding the Marketing Department) of £160 the nett estimated cost per annum of the enlarged distribution would be £300 or 5/- per annum per copy. At present the publication costs for four issues of 650 copies was £293 plus Editor's honorarium and expenses £393, less advertising, £233 per annum. Journal subscriptions however further reduced this amount by £71 to £162 nett cost per annum. The Chairman remarked that the question of an enlarged distribution of the Journal had first been considered in the light of a statement made by Mr. E.A. Field as Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority viz. that if the Journal was circulated to every Beekeeper with 30 hives or more, the Honey Marketing Authority could make use of the organ for disseminating the large bulk of it's reports and notices which were at present sent out in circular form by the Authority. Mr. Field had further considered that if the Authority made such use of the Journal it would be prepared in all probability to contribute towards the cost of publication. Nothing further had been heard from Mr. Field however, since that time as to whether the Authority would definitely be prepared to enter into such an arrangement. In the discussion which ensued members generally agreed that regardless of the H.M.A's participation an enlarged circulation to embrace all Beekeepers with 30 hives or more would be definitely in the interests of the Association and any decision by the Executive in this regard would be in conformity with the recommendation from Conference that the Executive pursue all possible means of increasing the membership and strength of the Association. Accordingly it was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser, "that commencing with the November 1954 issue the Journal in future be distributed free of cost to every Beekeeper registered with 30 or more hives regardless of their membership in the Association and that the Editor be authorised to use 40 lb m.f. paper for future issues of the Journal." Carried.

It was further decided that an appeal should be addressed to those Beekeepers who would be receiving the Journal for the first time under the free arrangement inviting them to support the Association by becoming members, and that perforated application forms should appear in the November issue of the Journal.

MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION :- Mr. J.W. Fraser reported that the Editor often had great difficulty in obtaining suitable information and articles for inclusion in the Journal. Very few Branches took the trouble to contribute Branch notes and items of interest covering their activities and those which did so usually had to be reminded by the Editor, creating quite an additional amount of work for him. On the motion of Mr. Cloake, seconded by Mr. Lorimer, it was decided "that the Secretary circularise Branches requesting them to appoint a press officer to be responsible for forwarding Branch notes, articles and items of local interest to that Branch for inclusion in the Journal." Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to make mention of the fact that the Editor must in all cases have the right to vet notes supplied and the inclusion or exclusion of any material supplied was solely at his discretion.

EDITOR'S SALARY :- The question of reviewing the Editor's salary was discussed, Mr. J.W. Fraser reporting Mr. McFadzien's own views on the matter. It was generally agreed by all that his present salary of £75 p.a. was quite ^{out} of proportion with the amount of work involved with his duties and on the motion of Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Cloake, it was resolved "that the Editor's salary be increased to £100 p.a. as from 1st. June 1954." Carried.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.40 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW GENERAL SECRETARY :- While Mr. R.A. Fraser was absent from the meeting members discussed the appointment of a new General Secretary to fill the vacancy created by Mr. G.V. Fraser's death. The Chairman (Mr. Williams) intimated that Mr. R.A. Fraser would possibly be interested in the position and members held discussion on the question of salary. Finally it was moved by Mr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. J.D. Lorimer, "that the Executive offer the position of General Secretary to Mr. R.A. Fraser at a salary of £300 p.a." Carried.

It was further decided that for the period during which Mr. Fraser had carried out the Secretarial duties in an acting capacity he ^{be paid} at the rate of £500 p.a. (the rate payable to the previous General Secretary). When Mr. Fraser returned to the meeting the Chairman acquainted him with the Executive's offer. Mr. Fraser stated that he was most interested in the position from a Secretarial point of view. He exercised extreme doubt however as to whether the position was adequately remunerative at £300 p.a. After consideration Mr. Fraser advised that he would be prepared to accept the position conditional upon him time-costing the work over a 12 monthly period. If at the end of this period the salary was found inadequate in the light of such costing Mr. Fraser advised that he would be obliged to review his decision to continue the Secretarial duties of the Association. Members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Fraser's views and he was formerly declared elected to the position.

BANK AUTHORITY :- On the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Cloake, it was resolved "that the General Secretary together with any one member of the Executive be authorised to operate on the current account of the Association and that the Manager of the Bank of New Zealand, Foxton be instructed to honour all cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promisory notes and other negotiable instruments so drawn on behalf of the Association." Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :- The Secretary presented accounts amounting to £147. 0. 9 for payment. On the motion of Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Cloake, it was resolved "that the accounts as presented be passed for payment." Carried.

GRANT FROM H.M.A. :- As the Association would immediately be faced with increased costs in the enlarged distribution of the Journal, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser, "that the Secretary apply to the Honey Marketing Authority for an advance grant of £500 as provided for by the Honey Marketing Regulations 1953." Carried.

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS :-

New Membership Drive. The Conference recommendation that the incoming Executive explore every avenue of increasing membership was considered. Although it had been decided to distribute the Journal to non-Association members, members felt that there were still other avenues open for creating interest in the work of the Association and thus encouraging a wider membership.

Mr. Lorimer suggested the presentation of a cup for competition amongst Branches to be given to the Branch who showed the greatest/increase in membership in any one year. He felt that this would be an inducement to Branch Officers to work hard in their respective areas where they had direct contact with the Beekeepers personally.

Mr. Lorimer stated his willingness to present such a cup. Numerous drawbacks presented themselves under such a scheme however and while members appreciated Mr. Lorimer's offer it was decided not to proceed with it. The question of using the services of the National Film Unit for filming Field Day activities was raised by the Secretary who remarked that the showing of such short features at cinemas would not only create interest amongst other Beekeepers but also add to consumer interest in the product honey. It was decided to take this matter up with Mr. T.S. Winter, Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry, Department of Agriculture, who had been invited to attend the Executive's meeting on the following day.

REPORT ON H.M.A. :- The Chairman gave a brief verbal report on some aspects of the newly formed Honey Marketing Authority's operations, especially in connection with overseas sales.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.0 p.m.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting was resumed at 9.45 a.m. on 29th October with the Chairman continuing his address in connection with Honey Marketing Authority operations. Information was given on the trial of cardboard packages for the transhipment of 60 lb. containers from the South Island depot to the Auckland depot.

In answer to a question raised by Mr. J.D. Lorimer, the Chairman confirmed the installation of a low specific gravity plant by the Honey Marketing Authority.

Manuka blends had been returning better prices overseas than had been anticipated by the Authority, he stated, although the market was limited. He felt that there was every likelihood of the Authority reviewing the payout for these blends to bring the guaranteed price more into line with the return received from the overseas market.

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS :- (CONTD.) While the Executive were awaiting the attendance of Mr. T.S. Winter the following additional Conference recommendations were considered. No. 28 "That any bulk honey sold in N.Z. by the H.M.A. be on a strictly F.O.R. or F.O.B. depot basis." Decided to refer to the Honey Marketing Authority. No. 34 "That we request the Government to make available dollars for the purchase of up-to-date beekeeping equipment." Members made reference to the high quality un-capping machines, sterilisers, extractors and excluders which were available from dollar sources. Decided to refer the matter to Mr. T.S. Winter. No. 33 "That representations be made to cannister makers

regarding careless factory procedure which results in tins being badly rusted apparently as a result of being splashed with soldering fluid." Mr. Pearson mentioned that representations had been made by the Association previously in this regard when it had been found that rusted tins in many instances had been due to bad storage by the beekeepers themselves. He felt that it was incumbent upon the purchaser to check the quality of the tins on delivery and if there was cause for dissatisfaction to take the matter up with the manufacturer direct. Accordingly he moved and Mr. Kirk seconded, the motion "that no action be taken."

At this juncture Mr. T.S. Winter arrived and the meeting adjourned for morning tea.

At the resumption the following matters were discussed.

IMPORTATION FROM DOLLAR AREAS :- Mr. Winter advised that the position in regard to the importation of plant items from dollar area sources had been considerably relaxed. Applications should be made in the normal way to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand through the Beekeeper's own trading bank furnishing details of the plant required and the reason for wanting that particular plant.

PREFERENTIAL VOTING :- In reply to a question Mr. Winter advised that the system of preferential voting for the election of officers at the Annual Conference instituted for the first time this year was quite satisfactory in his opinion and easily workable if the election is between no more than 4 for each island. With a greater number of candidates counting is slowed up considerably. He did not think that a delegates vote was desirable as this would further accentuate the time lag in arriving at a final result. He expressed the opinion that preferential voting should be confined to the election of officers otherwise the business of Conference maybe seriously held up through waiting for the Scrutineers declaration of the result of voting. In answer to a question by Mr. H. Cloake Mr. Winter said that he felt preferential voting to be the fairest in the election of officers as it excluded a man from being elected on a minority vote.

FILMS :- Mr. Winter advised that the Department's Apiculturist, Mr. T. Palmer-Jones was concentrating on visual aids, such as still slides, for the use of apiary instructors. He thought that it maybe possible to extend this form of instruction to movie films. Mr. J.W. Fraser mentioned the National Film Unit and asked whether the Department would be able to secure the assistance of the Unit in producing a film covering the whole of the Beekeeping Industry. Mr. Winter ^{said} that he felt that the matter might be best brought forward by the Association making a formal approach to the Department of Agriculture pressing for the making of such a film. He would however be prepared to make a direct approach to the Film Unit if this was desired and on the motion of Mr. Lorimer, seconded by Mr. J.W. Fraser it was resolved "that Mr. T.S. Winter approach the National Film Unit with a view to securing their co-operation in the production and issue of a film on the beekeeping industry." Carried.

STANDARD OF HYGIENE IN HONEY HOUSES :- Mr. J.W. Fraser asked whether the Department could not exercise more control in the matter of hygiene when new sheds were erected by Beekeepers. Mr. Cloake quoted the case of a small Beekeeper who was extracting honey in most unsatisfactory and primitive conditions. The low quality of the product which he was marketing was having a detrimental effect on the reputation of other honeys. Mr. Winter suggested that this was a matter for the Health Department to take up. The Department's Apiculturist had put out model plans and specifications for the construction of honey houses up to a reasonable standard. These had been supplied to all apiary instructors to be supplied to any Beekeeper who desired a copy of same. Mr. J.W. Fraser suggested that possibly apiary instructors could take the matter ~~to~~ a stage further where some producers had some sub-standard premises by drawing attention to the requirements of the regulations. Mr. Winter promised to bring the matter forward for the attention of apiary instructors.

IDENTIFICATION OF OUT-APIARIES :- Mr. Winter advised that apiary instructors had experienced considerable difficulty in some areas in establishing the ownership of remotely situated hives. Where infected hives were discovered and destroyed it was quite necessary for instructors to know the owners in order that he may bring the matter to their attention. Unless Beekeepers co-operated in marking out-apiaries it maybe found necessary to make the matter mandatory by amendment to the Regulations. The Chairman felt that Beekeepers should be given the opportunity to undertake the marking of out apiaries voluntarily before recourse was had to further Regulations and he promised to make an appeal through the November issue of the Journal.

Before the luncheon adjournement at 12.30 p.m. Mr. Winter was thanked by the Chairman for attending the meeting and answering the queries of members. Mr. Winter thereupon left the meeting.

When the meeting resumed at 2.0 p.m. Mr. Williams begged leave to interview the Director of Price Control in connection with the application for a price increase which the Association had lodged.

Mr. J.W. Fraser took the Chair and before leaving the meeting Mr. Williams requested members to give the consideration to a further possible increase in the Seals Levy to a 1½d lb. provided success was achieved with the application for a new Price Order.

In the discussion which ensued in Mr. William's absence members were generally agreed that any further increase in the Seals Levy was most undesirable.

Mr. Williams returned to the meeting at 3.15 p.m. and advised that the Director of Price Control was prepared to accept the Association's application in full but the issue of a new Price Order was likely to be delayed as the H.M.A.'s submissions for increased packing

costs were unacceptable and would require amendment. It was considered likely that the new Price Order would be gazetted by next December. This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at 3.35 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE 11th July 1955.

CHAIRMAN E. S. Williams

